

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2007, on the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. New claims 36-39 are presented that are dependent upon claims allowed in the Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 25, 28-30, and 33-34.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (2):

Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 (2) as indefinite. Applicants has canceled claim 35. Thus, Applicants believe the rejection has been overcome.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 15, 17, 22, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Faerber (U.S. Patent No. 6,281,472) in view of Hermann (WO 02/43,918), Banas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,000,392), and Arai (U.S. Patent No. 4,945,207). Claim 22 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 25. All of the other claims in this rejection have been canceled, thereby mooting the rejection.

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Faerber in U.S. Patent No. 6,281,472 in view of Hermann in WO 02/43,918, published 6 June 2002 and Banas et al. in U.S. Patent No. 4,000,392. This claim has been canceled, thereby mooting the rejection.

Applicants have presented new claims 36, 37, 38, and 39 dependent from claims 25, 28, 33, and 34, respectively. As they are dependent upon allowed claims, they too should be allowed.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. It is believed that no fee is due at this time. If that belief should be incorrect, please debit Deposit Account Number

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01-1375 for any necessary fees. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to refund any overpayments to the same. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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